D49 W.A. KEMPSHALL E.R.A FROM
1929 H.M. CRUISER "BERWICK" SUICIDE
NINA KARAMADANVA, ERA EVANS, Insp
22.4.29 BOURNES. D.S.I. TINKLER

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
C. & S. B. REGISTRY
Central
No. S. B. D. 49 Station.
Date April 22nd, 1949

REPORT

Subject (in full) W. A. Kempshall, E. R. A. Missing from H. M. Cruiser "BERWICK".

Made by D. S. I. Tinkler. Forwarded by [illegible]

About 1.30 p.m. to-day a report was made to the River Police that a body dressed in uniform was floating in the Whangpoo off the Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf.

It was taken by the River Police to the Public Mortuary where, from papers in the pockets, it was identified as as being that of W. A. Kemshall, E. R. A. of H. M. S. "BERWICK".

In the absence of "BERWICK", Destroyer-Leader "BRUCE" has been informed and River Police are handling the matter.

D. S. I.

Senior Detective I/c.

Supt. B. Division.

A. C. P. (Crime).

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
C. I. D. REGISTRY
No. I. O. D. 49
Date. 20. 2. 29

Shanghai Municipal Police.

Central Station.

Confidential

February 17th. 1929.

REPORT ON E. R. A. missing from H. M. S. "Berwick".

Made by D. S. I. Tinkler. Forwarded by Detv Cr.

With reference to my original report (attached) and further letter from Captain H. M. S. "Berwick" I have obtained a statement from the woman and attach a copy herewith.

The photograph forwarded to us yesterday was handed over to the River Police and shown to the sampan coolie who saw the man jump into the river. He could not positively identify Kempshall but another sampan coolie at Wayside Jetty apparently did, and there seems to be little doubt that the deceased is Kempshall.

With reference to the statement of the cabaret girl, we have made enquiries at the Savoy Hotel and have been unable to discover that Kempshall went inside on Saturday night. We are practically certain that he did not go into the Bar or Ball Room.

I respectfully request that a copy of the statement be forwarded to Captain, H. M. S. "Berwick".

D. S. I.

I interviewed Capt. Berwick 2.30 p.m. & handed him the statement personally

Supt B. Division.

A. C. P. (Crime).

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
C. I. D. REGISTRY
No. D.49
Date 20. 2. 29

Shanghai Municipal Police

Central Station.

February 17th, 1929.

REPORT ON W. A. Kempshall E. R. A. missing from H. M. Cruiser "Berwick".

Made by D. S. I. Tinkler. Forwarded by Godfrey Cr.

A message was circulated re the above-named to all stations at 1.55 p.m. February 16th. 1929.

At 10.50 a.m. to-day a message was received from Wayside Station from Inspector Bournes of the River Police which reads as follows:-

" At 9 p.m. yesterday a foreigner dressed in uniform with brass but ons and white cap cover took a sampan from Wayside Jetty and, when in the middle of the river, he jumped overboard. The sampan coolie attempted to save him but the man pushed him away. He is believed to work in the Customs. "

H. M. S. "Berwick" and Inspt. Bournes have been informed and are now in communication as the man who jumped in the river is probably Kempshall.

Attached.

One letter from H. M. S. "Berwick".

One photograph of Kempshall.

D. M. Tinkler.

D. S. I.

Supt. B. Division.

WMK.

A. C. P. (Crime).

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
C. I. D. REGISTRY
No. I. O. D. 449
H.M.S. "BERWICK"
Date 15th February, 1929.
at Shanghai.

No. 873/48

WILLIAM ARTHUR KEMPSHALL, ENGINE ROOM ARTIFICER, 2ND. CLASS, OFFICIAL NUMBER M.28880.

Sir,

I have to inform you that Engine Room Artificer Kempshall left the New Royal Cafe in the French Concession, between 4.30 and 4.45 a.m. today, in company with another Engine Room Artificer belonging to this ship. His companion observed him get into a ricsha and drive off in the direction of the Bund, while he himself walked down to the bund and came off to the ship in a sampan.

2.- Kempshall has not yet returned on board this ship, nor has he been heard of and I would, under the circumsatances, be grateful if you would take any possible steps to trace the man.

3.- He is a man of about 5 ft. 7 inches in height, reddish hair and fresh complexion. He was wearing uniform at the time, and is reputed to have had about $.40.00 or $/.50.00 in his possession.

4.- This rating is a man who is unlikely to remain absent without leave under normal circumstances.

Yours faithfully,

Commander
for CAPTAIN,

THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE,
SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
C. I. D. REGISTRY
No. I. O. D.449
Date. 20.2.29

H.M.S. BERWICK,
at Shanghai.

No B 843/48

17th February, 1929.

Sir,

With reference to Telephone Message attached, it appears probable that the Foreigner referred to is E.R.A. W. Kempshall of "BERWICK".

I understand that E.R.A. Kempshall spent yesterday February 16th with a woman from the New Royal Cabaret - French Concession.

E.R.A. Evans can identify this woman and I should be glad if you could obtain a statement from her with reference to E.R.A. Kempshall's condition, state of mind and of money yesterday.

Yours faithfully,

CAPTAIN.

The Commissioner of Police,
Shanghai Municipal Council.

[Shanghai.—4470]

MEMORANDUM.

CUSTOMS RIVER POLICE,
.....STATION.
SHANGHAI.

To

'Nob'
26-28/Jan 1928.

Samban No 706 reports that at 9.00pm last night a foreigner hired his Samban at Wayside Jetty to go across the River to Pootung. When halfway across the River to No 9 Buoy he paid him a Dollar silver and jumped in the River and drowned.

He was dressed in Blue Uniform with Brassbuttons, Cap with white cover and Badge, had very fair complexion.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
C. I. D. REGISTRY
No. I. O. D.44.9.....
Date.....20.2.29...

Nima Karunadasa

Russgd D. S. I. Tinkler

9.15 p.m. 17/2/29

My name is Nima Karunadasa and I am employed at the New Moya Cafe, F. C. where I am known as Nellie.

The night before last (Feb. 15th.) I danced with a British sailor who told me his name was "Bill". He was sitting at another table with another "chief" (petty officer ?) and was in the cabaret for several hours, staying until closing time about 4.30 a.m. February 16th. He had seven or eight dances with me. I have seen him in the cabaret before but he never danced with me previously.

He did not want to talk and I asked him if he was angry. His friend said he had received news that his (Bill's) mother had died.

He went home with me to 37a, Range Road and stayed with me. He told me to wake him at 6.45 a.m. I woke him a little before th time but he said he did not want to go on board his ship. He stayed at my house all night day (16th) and left me when I came to the cabaret on Saturday night, a little before 9 p.m.

He gave me $15.00 and later $20.00 and when he left me he gave me a further $10.00 making $45.00 in all. On leaving my house he asked me to show him the way to Broadway. He was not drunk at any time but was very quiet and behaved strangely as though something was wrong but he would not say what was the matter with him. I left him on Broadway outside the Savoy Hotel and went to the cabaret. I do not know if he went into the Savoy. When he stayed with me he only slept as I would not permit intercourse because I examined him and found he was suffering fr venereal disease in a very severe state. He told me not to tell

anyone he had stayed with me.

He wanted me to stay with him for another night and said he did not want to go on the ship that night.

He did not say anything to me which would indicate that he contemplated committing suicide.

The Commissioner of Police
Shanghai Municipal Council

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DESCRIPTION OF DESERTERS OR ABSENTEES.

NAME	Date of desertion or absence	Rating	Date of Birth	Where Born	Usual place of residence	Height		Complexion	Hair	Eyes	All marks on person	REMARKS Stating if Warrant for apprehension has been issued
						Feet	Inches					
KENDALL Wm. A.	16th February 1929	L.R.A.2d	24/1/[illegible]	Lamport Northampton	Allotment Weymouth Dorset	5	4	Fresh	Light	Blue	nil	Warrant for apprehension & Discharge Committed to Cells by Duty Officer about 9 pm on 16th February 1929

Note.—The conditions governing the payment of rewards for the apprehension of deserters are set forth in Article 807 of the King's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions, extracts from which are frequently published on page 4 of the "Police Gazette."

H.M.S. BERNICK at Shanghai

14 February 1929

R Robinson
Captain.

H.L. 1681/11.
Sta. 14/11. Sta. 158/24. Sta. 1/26.